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SUBJECT : Cheng-hsien (Cheng-chou) Urban Area NO. : B-1005-59

LOCATION : Honan Province, China DATE: 20 May 1959

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MAP DATA : ATMP 0385-9983-100A (Prov)

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Cheng-hsien (34°46'N/113°40'E) is located 400 miles southwest of Peiping at the junction of the Peiping/Canton and the Lien-yun/Lan-chou railroads, and has become an important industrial and communications center. The population of Cheng-hsien was reported by Chinese Communists to be 770,000 in 1958.

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Cheng-hsien was covered by good quality, large-scale aerial photography on [REDACTED]. Extensive new railroad and industrial developments were noted. Several large marshalling yards and rail spurs have been constructed north of the city while an industrial area and associated worker housing occupies the expanded western and northern sections of the city. Cheng-hsien Northeast Airfield has been expanded and improved.

Listed below are some of the industries reported to be in or near Cheng-hsien:

Thermal power plants  
Textile factories  
Grinding machine plant  
Small steel plant

Tractor plant  
Chemical manufacturing  
Cotton-seed oil plant  
Locomotive repair plant

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